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## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

### **Auburn Seminary Increases its Endowment**

Not long ago President Stewart stated that Auburn Seminary needed a reserve fund of \$500,000 if it were to continue to meet the ever-increasing demands in the efficient training of ministers. More recently another announcement has been made to the effect that \$230,000 has been received in gifts to the institution. With the gifts already received it is expected that Auburn Seminary will be able greatly to strengthen its work; nevertheless President Stewart anticipates that the remaining quarter of a million dollars will be provided.

### **The Interdenominational Conference at Wilkes-Barre**

An interdenominational conference and exhibit in the interest of Christian education was held recently at Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania, under the auspices of the Council of Church Boards of Education. Eighteen Protestant denominations were represented at this the first of a series of such conferences planned for different sections of the country. The purpose of this conference was to impress the fundamental importance of Christian education upon the country. Some of the subjects dealt with were as follows: "The Kind of Education Demanded by Modern Life," "The Recruiting of an Adequate Christian Leadership of Our Age," "The Religious Element in Education a Necessity," "Life-Work

Problems," "The Educational Responsibilities of the Home and of the Church." These subjects were discussed by such men as President John A. MacCracken, of Lafayette College; Dr. Edwin A. McAlpin, Jr., Dr. Joseph W. Cochran; President H. Mengan, of Dickinson College; Secretary H. F. Cope, of the Religious Education Association; Bishop Thomas Nicholson. The Council of Church Boards held another meeting at Niagara Falls on Tuesday and Wednesday, August 22-23, at which definite plans were suggested for future conferences.

### **New Course of Textbooks**

It is announced in the *Living Church* of August 19 that the General Board of Religious Education of the Episcopal Church has provided a new course of textbooks. In the preparation of these books there has been an effort to meet the needs of subject-graded Sunday schools on the lines of the standard curriculum. The course is said to incorporate the most modern principles of scientific teaching based on the new child-psychology and pedagogy. The editors look upon the first issue as an experiment and are hopeful that they may make revisions such as will contribute appreciably to the growing needs of religious education in the Sunday schools. The publications are known as the Christian Nurture Series and sell at 40 cents per copy for a six months' course.

## CHURCH EFFICIENCY

### **Catholic Mayor Resists Church Interference**

Doubtless many Protestants will have their attention attracted to New York's Catholic mayor and his recent resistance to church interference with his civil duties. A short time ago Mayor Mitchel insisted on investigating Catholic charitable insti-

tutions that receive city grants, in order to find out if they give honest value for the money. According to the mayor the discovery was soon made that a group of priests of political turn had conspired to wreck his administration. And now Mayor Mitchel has launched a most uncompromising attack on politician priests and on their